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STATE TRAINING ACADEMY HOSTS NATIONAL FORUM

Bell Buckle, TN –   The Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy (TFACA) will host a national web based seminar regarding fire loss and prevention issues on Wednesday, February 13, 2008.

Titled "Vision 20/20", the web based seminar is actually a forum discussion where participants will receive a presentation on the nation's fire problem – and what is expected in the future. The presentation will include a synopsis of the national fire loss data, a survey of previous plans and prevention priorities, a listing of significant national programs already in place, and some simple futures projections.

The seminar is open to any individual with an interest in fire prevention initiatives. Participants will be able to provide suggestions that may be used in a national strategic plan to not only help reduce the loss of property, but also the loss of life due to the devastating effects of fire.

The satellite locations will include group discussions, and a beginning towards a national consensus on fire loss issues. The results of the deliberations by the satellite locations will be compiled and used in helping to develop the priorities for the Vision 20/20 Summit to be held in Washington, DC.

While locations are available all across the United States, the state training facility located in northern Bedford County is the only location in Tennessee to offer the seminar.

 "Tennessee consistently ranks within the top 5 states in the Nation in fire deaths and property loss," states TFACA Executive Director Roger Hawks. "By providing a location for such an important forum as this, our states first responders will benefit from receiving fire prevention ideas from other states dealing with the same issue. The TFACA is proud to be a part of the national effort."

The Vision 20/20 Forum will take place at the TFACA on February 13th from noon till 4 pm.

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